

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,  
Carr, Ryder and Adams Company  
Office Building  
1098 Jackson Street  
Dubuque  
Dubuque County  
Iowa

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**PHOTOGRAPHS  
HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

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Site Location: 1098 Jackson Street  
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa  
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.20  
Cadastral grid : NE1/4 SE1/4 S24 T89N R2E  
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'  
UTM coordinates: 15.691920.4708100  
Lot dimensions : 82'x 100': .19 acre  
Lot description: City Lot 389 and north 30.83'  
of City Lot 390  
Present Owner: Tri-State Independent Blind Society  
Present Usage: bingo parlor  
Present Condition : good

Overall Dimensions: 61'x 81'; two stories

Orientation : west

Architectural

Description :

Plan type : rectangular; 2-story with raised basement.  
Foundation: reinforced concrete perimeter walls.  
Structure : wood frame with masonry bearing walls.  
Ext. walls: common red brick laid in running bond.  
Roof : flat composition roof with brick parapet walls.  
Chimneys : none visible.  
Windows : painted wood 1/1 double-hung windows with loose lintels and terra cotta slip sills; windows placed singly, in pairs or banked in groups of four with wood mullions.  
Openings : double-leaf main entrance centered on front; three-paneled wood doors framed by terra cotta pilasters with stylized heads and overscaled terra cotta head; tripartite sidelights and single-light transom.  
Details : modestly corbeled brick cornices; corner and pilaster quoining with vertical columns of rustication near the top; terra cotta band courses on walls; terra cotta apron blocks beneath corners of 2nd floor front bank of windows.

Construction Date : 1916

Architecture Style: 20th Century Functional

Physical History : This two-story brick building was built by the Carr, Ryder and Adams Company in 1916 to function as the company's business office. A major woodworking firm in Dubuque, Carr, Ryder and Adams produced architectural sash, doors and blinds, distributing them nationally. The building remains in original condition, with no major exterior alterations or additions.

**Significance:** The Carr, Ryder and Adams Company Office Building is historically significant in its association with one of Dubuque's largest manufacturing firms, although its 1916 construction date places it late in the milieu of the company's development. Architecturally the building is rather nondescript: more ornamented than the surrounding factory structures but hardly a high-style example of design.

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